

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PRESENCE ENHANCED GROUP MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

ABSTRACT

A system and method uses presence information to enhance group management functions. The presence enhanced group management allows sharing of information between group members, management of availability and contact information associated with the group members, and group/group member availability definitions having a variety of various meanings within the scope of a group definition. The presence enhanced group management functions allow groups and their associated presence information to function as mediators of all types of information between members of the group to include synchronization of calendars and task lists. Group based channels of communication are also facilitated to support message exchange between the group members.